crores from Turkey for rolling at the Bhilai Steel Plant and has been unable to dispose of the same;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard, stating the details of officials responsible for this commercial deal and the terms and conditions under which these imports were made;

(c) whether Government have since inquired into the matter; if so, what are the findings in this regard; and

(d) whether any action has been taken against those officials; if so, when and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). 35,000 tonnes of billets imported by Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Limited as Canalising Agency on account of SAIL from Turkey did not conform to the specified chemical composition. MMTC had ordered the imports under their usual terms and conditions. The intended purpose of this import was to use it for making light structurals at the Bhilai Steel Plant. The billets have been used for alternative purposes at Durgapur Steel Plant and also by Indian Railways. Government has not so far enquired into the matter and, therefore, no one has been held responsible. SAIL has lodged a claim against MMTC in respect of this contract and has initiated action for arbitration.

Construction of Roads in Tribal areas of M.P.

1256. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to construct roads in tribal and backward areas on priority basis;

(b) if so, the areas identified in Madhya Pradesh under this scheme; and

(c) the Central assistance provided for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) There is Centrally Sponsored Scheme with 100 per cent grant-in-aid to States for development of roads to tribal areas, on selected basis, which were deemed necessary but could not be covered earlier in the state or Central Plan.

(b) The areas in Madhya Pradesh where roads under this scheme have been sanctioned are as under: 1. Achanakam—Keonchi 2. Madwas-Kushmi Road; 3. Madwas-Kushmi-Runda-Bhundura 4. Dudhawa-Ghotia wahi Road and Dabenda Approach Road; 5. Ghutke-Borai-Kankera Road.

(c) Rs. 363.20 lakhs.

Flood in Orissa

1257. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa is among the chronically flood affected States in the country;

(b) if so, the extent of loss suffered in the State during the last three years;

(c) the Central assistance granted and disbursed during the above period, yearwise;

(d) whether the amount given is inadequate and Government of Orissa has requested to increase the Central assistance; and

(e) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHY-

AM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b). Orissa was of affected by flood during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986.

As reported by the State Government, financial loss to crops ,houses and public utilities on account of flood since 1984 is as given below:

Year	Financial loss
	(Rs. in crores)
1984	161.59
1985	223.08
1986	107.33
1987	NIL

(c) Central assistance approved for flood relief in Orissa was as follows:

Year	Central assistance approved
	(Rs. in crores)
1984 . . .	23.43
1984-85 . . .	23.43
1985-86 . . .	32.62
1986-87 . . .	8.84
1987-88 . . .	NIL

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Creation of additional storage capacity by the F.C.I.

1258. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to create additional storage capacity by the Food Corporation of India to prevent losses of foodgrains during the Seventh Plan period; and

(b) whether any target has been fixed for the purpose, if so, with what results?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b), Additional storage capacity for foodgrains is being constructed by Food Corporation of India Central Warehousing Corporation and State Warehousing Corporations. During the Seventh Five Year Plan these agencies together were targetted to construct a storage capacity of 40.00 lakhs tonnes of foodgrains. A capacity of about 36 lakhs tonnes has been constructed by these agencies during the first three years of the Seventh Plan for storage of foodgrains.

White washing of Government Quarters on Baba Karak Singh Marg

1259. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased ot state:

(a)whether white-washing of Government quarters in various colonies of Delhi has been shelved by the CPWD Service Centres; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) what is the number of quarters which were white-washed in Baba Kharak Singh Marg from 1st January to 1st April, 1988;

(c) what is the number of applicants for white-washing pending with the CPWD Service Centre; and

(d) by when they are likely to be cleared and whether any record for white-washing of Government quarters is being maintained?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) For effecting economy Government have imposed a ban on white washing except in case of change of tenancy.

(b) 31 Nos. These quarters were white washed on account of change of tenancy.

(c) 15 Nos. as on 31st March 1988, at Baba Kharak Singh Marg.